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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

LEE ET AL.

Examiner

John L Goodrow

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 1, 10 & 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for hydrogen in the aromatic ring, does not reasonably provide enablement for a substituted hydrogen. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to provide any substitution on the hydrogen, or make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuller et al. in view of Katsukawa et al. Fuller teaches the use of a biphenylfluorene

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polyester as a binder in an electrophotographic element note Col. 8, 19, 33, 43, and 55.

The binder can be used alone or in combination with one or more additional binder

polymers note Col. 59 lines 40-45. The element can be multi-layered with the charge

transport layer between the conductive substrate and the photogenerating layer note

Col. 59 lines 19-21. Polycarbonates may be the other binder in the layer note Col. 63

lines 10-13. The molecular weight is within the range of Claim 4 note Col. 93 lines 1-10.

The use of the binders in an element with liquid toners provide a stable photoreceptor

and prevents cracking, crazing, crystallization of active compounds, phase separation of

charge transporting molecules caused by contact with the organic liquid vehicle note

Col.45 – Col.46. Fuller does not teach the blending amounts of the two binders Claim 5.

Katsukawa et al teaches the superior compatibility of the polyester and charge transport

compounds Col. 25 and the blending of polycarbonates and polyesters Col. 31 line 50.

It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicants' invention

with a reasonable expectation of success to use the binders in blended proportions to

help the adhesive properties of the photoreceptor in an electrophotographic apparatus

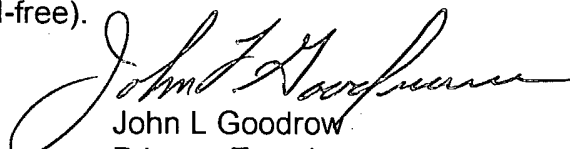
using a liquid toner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John L Goodrow whose telephone number is 571-272-1384. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark F Huff can be reached on 571-272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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